

News of the Churches.

ST. JOHN, N. B.
COBURG STREET

E. C. Bowers, of Westport, N. S., was at our prayer-meeting Thursday evening, May 24th.

Dr. Ray preached for the church at Silver Falls Lord's day afternoon, May 27th

The following financial reports of the different societies of the Coburg Street Christian Church shows the total amount received and expended for the year ending April 30th, 1900:

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CHURCH.

Receipts	\$1,110 60
Expenditures	1,120 49
Sunday-school—	
Receipts	\$189 88
Expenditures	159 61
Woman's Missionary Aid Society —	
Receipts	\$ 91 80
Expenditures	150 00
Relief Fund Report—	
Receipts	\$30 01
Expenditures	26 18
Young People's Mission Band—	
Receipts	\$54 47
Y. P. S. C. E.—	
Receipts	\$21 83
Expenditures	11 60
Sewing Circle—	
Receipts	\$21 03
Expenditures	6 40
Total receipts for year	\$1,460 10
Total expended, preaching and general expenses	1,205 58
Home and Foreign Missions	268 79

REPORT OF Y. P. S. C. E.

Eight committees in the Society engaged in special work appointed to them. The sick-visiting and calling committee deserve special mention, having made as many as 144 calls in one month.

Reference is made to the great help and interest always shown by Bro. Stewart and continued by his able successor Dr. Ray, who is encouraging as well as inciting us to work more faithfully in the Master's service. Also reports and offering made to the India famine; and efforts in assisting our North End Church.

We wish as a Society to "press more earnestly toward the mark of the prize of the high calling which is of God in Christ Jesus."

With best wishes for the success of the Society.
Yours in C. E.

ELLA WANACOTT, Secretary.

BACK BAY, N. B.

The work here is still going on. A new communion set has been purchased, and extensive repairs are in contemplation for house of worship and grounds in connection. The Y. P. S. C. E. is doing a good work. We have some fine young people here, and some old ones, too, and there is an increasing desire for the way of God. May God help us to do all we can for his glory.

W. H. H.

MASCARENE, N. B.

I preached here a few times lately and found this zealous band of disciples steadily plodding onward. One young lady made the good confession and was baptized.

Bro. Nelson Leland was ill for a time, but is now better and able to teach school again. W. H. H.

HALIFAX, N. S.

We are now anxiously awaiting the coming of Bro. A. Martin, of Indiana, who is to come to our aid here in this city. We are hoping and praying that much good may come of our contemplated meeting. We were disappointed in not getting Bro. Romig to labor with us this spring, but hope to have him with us at some time a little later.

Our work goes on here without much change, or anything new to report. We are able to report twenty-eight dollars raised in the interest of the American home mission. I am pleased, also to hear of offerings being made in at least seven of our churches in this province, and feel sure New Brunswick will not be behind in this good work.

I am still visiting Elmsdale once a month and preaching to the friends there. I enjoy those visits, feeling assured that they are helpful to the friends there.

Since my last I have heard of the death of our good sister Martha Robinson, of Shubenacadie, Hants Co., N. S., and feel like expressing my sympathy to the afflicted family and church, of which she was for long years a faithful and respected member, having been baptized by Bro. D. Crawford fully fifty years ago. She was a faithful wife and mother, a true friend to the cause we plead, and a lover of all God's true children. From its first publication she was a reader of THE CHRISTIAN, being deeply interested in the welfare of the cause generally. I have known our dear sister for quite a number of years, and always found her true and faithful, and a friend in whom you could trust. She lived to see seventy-one years, and departed in the sure hope of eternal life. May the Lord comfort the husband and children who mourn the loss of this one whom they so much loved.

E. C. FORD.

MILTON, N. S.

It is always a pleasure for the writer to send in his monthly report, but more so this time because of the cheering and encouraging news this opportunity affords.

The work moves along encouragingly. The first Sunday in May was Home Mission Day with us and right well we observed it, so much so that the writer had the honor of reading to his congregation a letter from Bro. Benj. L. Smith, expressing thanks to the Milton Church for, as he termed it, their "most liberal offering," we having more than doubled our apportionment; the amount raised was thirty-one dollars.

Sister Howard Murray, the wife of a former minister of this church, is spending her vacation here.

The home of Brother and Sister Samuel Kempton was tastefully decorated on Tuesday morning, May 15, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Helen Freeman, to Bro. William Alex. MacCaffrey, (my predecessor here) now of Pittsburg. Owing to the restrictive law of this province the present minister was unable to tie the knot, but had the pleasure of assisting the Rev. Churchhill Moore (Congregational), who officiated. The bride and groom were the recipients of a number of valuable presents and a heavy wallet. That divine grace, the unmerited favor of God to man, may rest and abide with the newly wedded, is the prayer of all. Amidst showers of rice Brother and Sister MacCaffrey left for Pittsburg, their future home.

The sisters in charge of the preparations for Children's Day merit great praise. Owing to their great efforts we are to have a very impressive service the first Lord's day in June.

WILLIAM STIFF.

SUMMERVILLE, N. S.

Notwithstanding the rain that fell on the afternoon of the second Sunday of May, quite a number gathered in the building of the Christian Church here, to observe Home Mission Day. The brethren of Summerville have the true missionary spirit which was manifested in their most cheerful and liberal offering, which the writer had the privilege of forwarding to Bro. Benj. L. Smith, amounting to six dollars.

They are now preparing for Children's Day, which promises to be a great success.

The writer in future will preach here at least once a month. May the benediction of heaven rest and abide with this faithful band.

Your brother in Christ,

WILLIAM STIFF.

CROSS ROADS, P. E. I.

We are all much encouraged with the work here. Last Sunday our audiences were larger than ever before. The Sunday-school was begun with about thirty in attendance. This was very encouraging. Our cottage prayer-meetings are still kept up, and are always helpful and interesting. We will take our offering for home missions the second Sunday in June.

The annual meeting will be held with this church, beginning on Saturday, July 7th. A large gathering is expected. The people from the other provinces are cordially invited. Hospitable homes and kind friends are always to be found in Lot 48.

A. N. S.

NEW GLASGOW, P. E. I.

The work here is assuming new life, and every department of Church work is manifesting increased activity. The welcome spring—although finding it hard to tear itself from the embrace of winter—has come and brought with it good roads and invigorating sunshine. We bid her welcome.

Our Sunday-school was organized last Sunday with over fifty scholars present. We hope to increase this number. Bro. Burdette Stevenson is our superintendent. The prayer-meetings are still largely attended. I preached last Tuesday night at Wheatley River hall. The night being stormy, the meeting was small. I will preach there once a month, also at Fredericton, Cavendish Road and Rustico. Our protracted meeting will begin the third Sunday in June. The fourth Sunday of this month we will take our offering for home missions. The more we do at home the better able we will be to help the churches abroad.

The Island churches welcome Bro. Frank Harlow, who has come to labor with the brethren in Summerside. He is Canadian born, and that means a great deal. I hear good reports from his work in Summerside, both as a preacher and as a man among men.

I am glad to learn that Bro. G. Nelson Stevenson has been called to labor with the church in Montague, P. E. Island. He is a native of this province, a graduate of Kentucky University, and an earnest and eloquent preacher. We welcome him to our ranks.

Bro. Lemuel J. Bagnall, formerly of P. E. I., but now a prosperous business man of New Zealand, in his last letter to THE CHRISTIAN promised to give us an account of the churches in that section of the globe. His many relatives and friends on the Island have not forgotten their absent brother, and will welcome his message of good cheer as a new strand in the tie of Christian fellowship.

A. N. SIMPSON.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.

\$400 for Foreign Missions in 1900.

"The love of Christ constraineth us."

AUXILIARY PROGRAMME FOR JUNE.

TOPIC—INDIA.

Song—"O Worship the King; All Glorious Above"

Prayer of thanksgiving that our God is known unto us as the true God.

Scripture lesson. Psalm 1:1-18, to be read responsively. Ex. xx:3-6; Psalm xlv:20,21; Psalm 1:14,15; also 23.

Song—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Circle of prayer, remembering the Bina missionaries; sore pressed because of the terrible famine all about them; also Dr. Rosa Oxer, at Mahoba, who has charge of the mission in Miss Graybiel's absence; Miss May Browne, who takes Miss Frost's work; Miss Elsie Gordon, that God may bless the word she speaks to the women, and dear Miss Rawson, that she may soon master the language and be able to minister the things of the kingdom to the hungry ones about her.

Conversation about India. Introduction of Bina and Mahoba missionaries.

Reports from field

Reading of India Letters.